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Dear Mr Sabir

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REF: COL/11/625

I write in connection with your request for information dated 4 December 2011 in which you seek access to the following information:

- 1. Confirm or deny whether the communiqué entitled: "Terrorism/Extremism Update for the City of London Business Community 2 December 2011" (link here & picture attached) is a genuine or fake communiqué.*
- 2. If original, please provide a copy of this communiqué*
- 3. Provide a copy of all communiqués that have been issued to the 'City of London Business Community' by the City of London police which mention or contain information pertaining to the London Stock Exchange (LSX) 'Occupy' movement.*

Questions 1, 2 and 3

Copies of all Community Updates mentioning Occupy London are attached, including the document linked to your request.

- 4. Confirm or deny whether the City of London Police consider the LSX Occupy movement to be a "domestic extremist" group.*

City of London Police does not regard the LSX Occupy movement as a domestic extremist group.

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Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying to your request. Should you have any further questions, please contact me via e-mail, letter or telephone, quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

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Terrorism/Extremism update for the City of London Business Community 14 October 2011



**The threat to the UK from international terrorism is SUBSTANTIAL.
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International/UK

USA: The trial of a Nigerian man, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, dubbed the 'underwear bomber' began in Detroit this week, with Abdulmutallab pleading guilty to all eight charges made against him. Abdulmutallab attempted to detonate a bomb aboard a flight from Amsterdam to Detroit in 2009.

GERMANY: A series of explosive devices, designed to derail trains, were found on the Berlin railway this week. Two devices comprising of bottles of flammable liquids attached to fuses, were found on Monday with a third discovered on Tuesday. A left wing group named '*Hekla Reception Committee*' has claimed responsibility for the devices stating online that they were planted in protest at the presence of German troops in Afghanistan.

INDIA: A large quantity of explosives has been found in a car parked outside a railway station in the northern state of Haryana in India. More than 5kg of explosives was found along with timer devices and batteries.

INDONESIA: An Indonesian court sentenced Islamist extremist, Abu Tholut, to eight years in prison on Thursday for helping to set up a terror training camp for an Al-Qaeda linked militant group. Tholut was found guilty of recruiting and raising illegal funds for the terror camp, which was discovered last year in Sumatra. It is understood that Tholut had worked with Abu Bakar Bashir and several others from the Al-Qaeda linked network Jemaah Islamiyah.

Domestic

SHAC UPDATE:

SHAC returned to the city last Thursday protesting outside three city premises. The group, comprised of six protesters who were complaint but noisy throughout their demonstrations.

Occupation of the London Stock Exchange – Saturday 15th October 2011:

The planned protest at the London Stock Exchange (LSE) tomorrow has now attracted around 5000 followers on Facebook who have expressed their intention to attend the event, although this number maybe not reflect the number of people actually attending. The protest has been announced in response to the call to the 'Occupy Wall Street Campaign' and 'The Global Day of Action Against Corporate Greed'. The organising group 'Occupy London', supported by UK Uncut, are planning to occupy Paternoster Square from Saturday to the 12th December 2011.

There have also been proposals to occupy the Bank of England, but the main focus is likely to be the LSE. This is the first protest seen by this group, so tactics remain unknown however, intelligence suggests that the group are non violent and wish for a peaceful protest. A plan to march from Hyde Park to the city has been cancelled in favour of a swoop and occupation of the Square with open source reporting requesting participants meet at St Pauls at 12pm.

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Terrorism/Extremism update for the City of London Business Community 21 October 2011



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International/UK

Spain: The armed separatist group ETA has reportedly called a 'definitive cessation' to its campaign of violence, though those with experience of ETA are insisting that the group remain unpredictable. The group have killed more than 800 people in bomb and firearm attacks across Spain.

Yemen: The media chief for al Qaeda's Yemen branch was killed on 14 October along with six other militants in a US air strike. Egyptian born Ibrahim al Bana was killed in one of five overnight strikes targeting suspected al Qaeda locations in Shabwa.

Mexico: News reports stating that authorities thwarted a bomb plot against the US embassy in Mexico have been reported as not true. A statement by authorities released Tuesday afternoon rejected "the authorship of the alleged report in possession of some media outlets. The print seals and watermarks that appear on the document, as well as its format, do not correspond to the ones utilized by this federal government agency."

Turkey: A rocket attack on military sites in Cukurca, south eastern Turkey has left at least 24 people dead. Turkish President Abdullah Gul has responded to the attack saying: "Those who think that democratic improvements in Turkey are achieved as a result of terrorism are making a big mistake. It is our decision to continue the struggle against terrorism without giving any concessions".

USA/India: The United States has issued an alert for its citizens in India during the holiday season, warning them of "possible terrorist attacks". The State Department "urges citizens to pay particular attention to their personal security between October and January". Several Hindu, Islamic, and other religious and secular holidays fall between now and the end of January. The travel alert expires on 20 January.

Domestic

Occupy The London Stock Exchange Event

Protesters continue to camp outside St Paul's Cathedral. The group's original intention was to occupy Paternoster Square but they were prevented from doing so by police. At present there are over 300 residential tents at the St Paul's site, with specific tents being used as kitchens, medical centres and a media centre. The group have vowed to stay at the location for the foreseeable future and aim to mimic the protests seen in New York.

UKUNCUT, Wednesday 26th October

UKUNCUT are planning to attend a conference regarding NHS Reforms and the dismantling of the NHS at Dexter House, Tower Hill from 8.30am to 1.00pm.

Flash Mob, Thursday 27th October

A proposed flash mob entitled 'Yoga and meditation flash mob nearby Occupy London Stock Exchange demo' has been advertised on open source websites by the group Wake Up London.

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Terrorism/Extremism update for the City of London Business Community 28 October 2011



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International/UK

Kenya: A grenade attack on a nightclub in Nairobi on Monday morning injured twelve people and killed one. Kenya's police chief said investigations so far showed no link to the Somali militant group al-Shabaab, although enquiries into the motive behind the attack were ongoing.

Eight people were killed in a gun and grenade attack on a bus near the country's border with Somalia on Wednesday. A Kenyan has claimed responsibility for the attack saying he was a member of al-Shabaab.

Germany: A 27 year old man has reportedly burnt more than 100 luxury cars in Berlin, raising fears of political extremism within the country. It is believed the man was motivated by social envy and frustration claiming *"I've got debts, my life stinks and others with fancy cars are better off and they deserve this"*. Earlier this month the German railway system was hit by arson attacks when the left-wing group Hekla Reception Committee said it had planted devices alongside rail tracks.

Pakistan: A roadside bomb exploded in Lower Dir, north west Pakistan earlier this week killing four people. The remote controlled device exploded as a car passed through a remote village near the Afghan border. The area has seen several militant attacks in the past and borders the Swat valley from where the Pakistani army ousted Taliban militants in 2009.

USA: Manssor Arbabsiar, who was charged in relation to an alleged assassination plot on the Saudi ambassador to the United States, has pleaded not guilty in a court in New York City earlier this week. Arbabsiar was arrested in September on suspicion that he conspired with a second male, Gholam Shakuri. Shakuri is suspected of belonging to the Iran's Revolutionary Guard. Shakuri allegedly hired hit men to detonate a bomb at a restaurant to be visited by the ambassador. The next court date is scheduled for 21 December.

Philippines: One person was killed and five injured when two bombs were detonated in a village near the Philippine port of Zamboanga on Wednesday. Police were in the process of defusing the two bombs when a third device exploded in a village thirty miles away. No group has claimed responsibility for the attacks.

Domestic

Occupy The London Stock Exchange Event

Protesters continue to camp outside St Paul's Cathedral, which has now reopened. A further camp continues in Finsbury Square. This week has seen the camp attracting various groups who are looking to use the publicity the camp provides to promote their own agenda.

SHAC, Scary Science Day of Action, Monday 31 October

SHAC have called for demonstrations to take place against HLS customers on the above date. Demonstrators are requested to dress in skeleton masks, blood-stained lab coats, and scary outfits.

UKUncut, Dancing on the Grave of Capitalism, Monday 31 October

This event is due to take place at 4.00pm outside the Bank of England. Before this event an 'auction' of the Bank will take place at 3.00pm.

City Demonstrations, Wednesday 9 November

Several demonstrations are being planned for this date, with intelligence suggesting a student march will take place from Malet Street WC1 to Bank.

A construction industry day of action at the Pinnacle building site, Bishopsgate, has also been advertised.

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International/UK

Turkey: Two people were killed in a suicide attack on Saturday in eastern Bingol province. The female suicide bomber was also killed in the attack.

Yemen: A blast occurred at Sanaa International Airport on Sunday causing flights to Sanaa to be rerouted. Although not immediately clear what caused the explosion, a senior official with the Interior Ministry has alleged the explosion was caused by a bomb planted near the airport. There have been no reports of injuries.

France: The offices of the French magazine *Charlie Hebdo* were petrol bombed after a cartoon of the prophet Muhammad was printed on the cover of the spring edition as the "guest judge". The attack took place before the edition was due to hit the news stand on Wednesday morning. The editor is said to be sickened and angry that violence could be used to counter drawings.

USA: Four Georgian men have been arrested accused of plotting to buy explosives and of producing a deadly biological toxin to attack US citizens and government officials. The US Justice Department said they had planned to manufacture ricin for use in their attacks. Targets included local police, federal government buildings, and employees of agencies such as the Internal Revenue Service. Two of the men also met an undercover agent to discuss buying explosives and weapon parts.

Domestic

Occupy London

The demonstration at St Paul's has continued with further camps being set up in Finsbury Square, which is beginning to take on a degree of permanency, and a small group moving to outside the Tate Modern on Monday night. The last week has seen the camp attracting a disparate collection of protesters who are looking to use the publicity the camp provides to promote their own agendas. There have been almost daily demonstrations and spontaneous actions by members of the camps. These have generally been good-natured, and non-violent.

SHAC, Scary Science Day of Action, Monday 31 October

On Monday SHAC held their 'Scary Science Day of Action' with seven protesters visiting the City dressed in Halloween costumes. This protest was more vociferous than previous demonstrations with reporting of a security guard being knocked over by the group.

City Student/Union Demonstrations, Wednesday 9 November

Several demonstrations are being planned for the above date, with intelligence suggesting a student march will take place from Mallet Street to Bank, while a 'Construction Industry day of Action' at the Pinnacle Building Site has also been advertised.

Mass healing ritual performed as a silent march, Friday 11 November 2011

The above demonstration has been planned to take place on Friday 11 November and will start from St Paul's, marching to Parliament.

Reclaim the City March, Saturday 12 November 2011

A march has been advertised to coincide with the Lord Mayor's Show in the City, dubbed the 'alternative Lord Mayor's Parade'. Starting at 11am at Mansion House the group propose to march to the occupation site at St Paul's. Once there, the group will 'acclaim an alternative Lord Mayor for the people'.

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International/UK

UK: West Midlands Police arrested four men in the Sparkhill area of Birmingham on Tuesday. They are suspected of fundraising in the UK for terrorist purposes and travelling to train for terrorist purposes in Pakistan. Eight people arrested in September have already been charged in connection with the ongoing counter-terrorism operation with seven currently on remand.

Kenya/Somalia: Leaders of Kenya, Somalia, and Uganda met on Wednesday to reaffirm their commitment to military operations against the al Qaeda-linked group al Shabaab. The leaders expressed "confidence that the joint Kenya-Somali operation presents the region with a historic opportunity to restore stability and security in Somalia". Kenyan forces entered Somalia in October after a series of kidnappings by al Shabaab.

Yemen: A security official in Abyan has stated that more than 38 suspected terror fighters were killed during the past two weeks, including seven suspected al Qaeda militants on Wednesday. The official said, "We are now getting to know where their hideouts are, and this will result in more missile attacks against them."

Domestic

Occupation on Sun Street, Friday 18 November

Activists have this morning occupied an abandoned premises on Sun Street in the Metropolitan Police district. A banner proclaims the location as the "Bank of ideas" and internet postings state the location may be used as a meeting place. Intelligence is currently developing.

Occupy London, ongoing

The demonstrations at St Paul's Cathedral and Finsbury Square continue, with the City of London Corporation recommencing legal action against the former site this week. The camps continue to attract a disparate collection of protesters who are looking to use the publicity the camp provides to promote their own agendas.

National Day of Action, Wednesday 23 November

Following the national demonstration on 9 November, the National Campaign Against Fees & Cuts is organising a National Day of Action to keep the movement mobilised and to increase pressure. Social networking sites are encouraging mass walkouts, occupations and small protests for those at school, college or university.

National Day of Strike Action, Wednesday 30 November

A London demonstration has been advertised to assemble at Lincoln's Inn Fields at 12.00, marching to Victoria Embankment for a rally at 2.00 pm. Strikes are planned across London, though none in the City at present.

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UK/International

UK: Four Birmingham-based men have appeared in court charged with terrorism offences. All four were arrested last Tuesday as part of an investigation into fundraising for terrorist purposes, travelling to Pakistan for training and travelling abroad to commit acts of terrorism. Khobaib Hussain, Ishaq Hussain, Shahid Kasam Khan and Naweed Mahmood Ali were remanded in custody and are due to reappear in court on 9 December.

Pakistan: It is believed that two British nationals wanted for terrorism offences, Ibrahim Adam and Mohammed Azmir Khan, have been killed in a US drone strike in Pakistan. The pair are said to have died several months ago, but news of their deaths has only just been revealed. Adam was said to be part of a terrorist network led by British-born al-Qaeda commander Rashid Rauf, while Khan had assets frozen last year over reporting he was engaged in supporting terrorism.

USA: Jose Pimentel, 27, was arrested by New York City police last weekend in connection with a plot to bomb police cars, military personnel and post offices in the city. Pimentel, described as a 'lone wolf', was arrested while trying to build pipe bombs. It is believed Pimentel was motivated by his resentment of troops in Afghanistan and inspired by cleric Anwar al-Awlaki.

Domestic

Occupy London, ongoing

The Occupy London sites at St Paul's Cathedral and Finsbury Square remain in place with the number of protesters present remaining fairly consistent. A number of arrests have been made in the last week for public order and theft offences. The group, who have now occupied vacant premises in Sun Street – named by them the 'Bank of Ideas' – have advertised a calendar of events. Various demonstrations have originated from the camp, but these have been small and lacked the support and momentum of earlier actions.

Occupy London has announced that they plan seven days of action, leading up to the day of national strike action on 30 November, which will involve direct action and picketing services to be cut. They also advertise an 'Occupy London November 30th' shut down the City event, though a similar 'Blockade the City' event appears to have received little support.

Activists may aspire to identify further sites to occupy, especially those which they may associate with 'capitalism'. You are asked to apply increased vigilance regarding possible reconnaissance of empty buildings and sites. Any signs of access or new symbols/markings should be reported to police.

You may also encounter an increase in persons filming for the national or activist media. Please remember that encounters with suspected activists could be being recorded to be uploaded or live-streamed to the internet.

Day of national strike action, 30 November

A march through Central London is planned, commencing at Lincoln's Inn Fields at 12.00pm, processing to Victoria Embankment for a rally at 2.00pm.

SHAC 'Santa SHAC Supplier Shakedown week of action', 5 – 11 December

Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty has advertised a week of action between these dates. It is expected that SHAC protesters will visit the customary City targets during the period.

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UK/International

Columbia: The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Columbia (FARC) killed four of its longest held captives on Saturday during combat with Colombian forces. A fifth hostage allegedly survived after fleeing into the jungle after being held captive for 12 years, in what has been reported as a failed rescue attempt. It is FARC policy to kill prisoners if rescue attempts are made.

Al Qaeda/Pakistan: Al Qaeda has reportedly been holding Warren Weinstein, a 70-year-old American aid worker, hostage in Pakistan for three months. The al Qaeda leader, Ayman al-Zawahiri, has said in a video that Weinstein would be released only if the US ceases its air strikes on Pakistan and Afghanistan and frees prisoners. The video offered no evidence that the aid worker is still alive.

Belarus: Two men have been sentenced to death for bombing the underground railway in the capital, Minsk, earlier this year. The attack on 11 April killed 15 people and wounded hundreds of others. Dmitry Konovalov, 25, was found guilty of carrying out the explosion and Vladislav Kovalyov, also 25, of assisting in an act of terrorism. They were also found guilty of involvement in three earlier bomb attacks in 2005 and 2008, which together injured more than 100 people.

Domestic

Occupy London, ongoing

The Occupy London sites at St Paul's Cathedral and Finsbury Square remain in place with the number of protesters present remaining fairly consistent. The majority of peaceful demonstrators from the St Paul's camp appear to have moved on to the other camps. Demonstrations originating from the camp have decreased and lacked the support and momentum of earlier actions.

There are now three 'Occupations' by activists in or near the City of London. As the worldwide Occupy movement shows no sign of abating, it is likely that activists aspire to identify other locations to occupy, especially those they identify with capitalism. City of London Police has received a number of hostile reconnaissance reports concerning individuals who would fit the anti-capitalist profile.

All are asked to be vigilant regarding suspected reconnaissance, particularly around empty buildings. Any signs of access or new markings should also be reported. You may encounter an increase in persons filming for the purpose of national or activist media. All are reminded that any encounters with suspected activists could be recorded and then uploaded or live-streamed to the internet.

Intelligence suggests that urban explorers are holding a discussion at the Sun Street squat. This may lead to an increase in urban exploration activity at abandoned or high profile sites in the capital.

Suspected hostile reconnaissance should be reported to City of London Police immediately.

Climate Justice Collective, 3 December

'Stand Up for Climate Justice' is holding a vigil on the bank of the Thames from 11.30pm to 1.00am Friday night, as well as climate prayers at 11.30am Saturday morning at St Mary Le Bow church, Cheapside.

Saturday continues with a 'Walk of Shame' past alleged environmental and economic justice offenders along with a 'teach-out'. This meets at St Paul's at 10.30am, and is followed by a march to Parliament, meeting at Blackfriars Bridge at 12.00pm. Around 2.30pm the march will congregate outside Parliament. The event is planned to finish around 3.30pm.

The Canary Wharf Experience, 6 December

Occupy London will meet at St Paul's around 4.15pm, from which they will attend and 'tour' Canary Wharf.

Electricians' Strike, 7 December

Electricians will be taking industrial action at Balfour Beatty sites across the country.

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